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Message Of Mr. A. J. Freiman

To my mind, Ottawa is a fine example of a dignified Jewish community. Although we have many kinds of organizations and groups, we function harmoniously in the interests of our people, and we support magnificently every worthy cause, whether philanthropic, civic, educational or Zionist.

The crowning expression of our way of life will be the proposed Community Centre and Synagogue. Provision will be made for our young children to study our traditions, culture and history in a modern Talmud Torah; for our adolescent boys and girls to conduct their various clubs in an environment that is Jewish and inviting; for our young people to have complete athletic opportunities and social recreation; for our adults to advance their ideals in a building that will inspire them to continue; for all of us—young and old—to gather for worship in a sanctuary of which we shall be highly proud. We shall have a true communal home, in which to work and to relax, to mark our sorrows and to celebrate our joys.

To all who are actively engaged in this splendid undertaking I extend my sincerest best wishes. May we soon arrive at our destination, the completed structure that will speak for the triumphant spirit of Ottawa Jewry.

GREETINGS

By Synagogue Presidents

The notion is far too prevalent in some circles that Judaism is a static entity and that Jewish institutions are fixed and never changing affairs. The criticism is often voiced that our organizations are insensitive to social needs and communal purposes. When the members of Adath Jeshurun Congregation overwhelmingly voted their support of the community-centre-synagogue project, they gave expression to their recognition that Jewish life has survived throughout the ages precisely because it was impelled by a wholly different principle. Jewish institutions exist to serve communal needs; and in response to those needs, they have constantly grown and developed.

That is why Congregation Adath Jeshurun does not regard the project on which we are now embarking as a departure from the ideals to which, as a congregation, it has constantly sought to give expression. Rather, it views the community centre as the logical development and culmination of those ideals. For Congregation Adath Jeshurun, as all other congregations, seeks to serve

CAMPAIGN DINNER THURSDAY NIGHT

Next Thursday night a vote of confidence in the future of Ottawa Jewry will be emphatically registered. Come, and help mark the ballot of destiny. Let us launch a campaign of promise; let us build for tomorrow! Men say a new world will arise out of the war's ruins. Will it arise of itself? Will it not demand labor, effort, thought? Nor will the blessing come to a community that sleeps, to an indifferent Jewry. Awake, men and women of Ottawa! Prepare for action and self-sacrifice!...

Careful preparation has gone into the arrangements for the dinner at the Chateau Laurier next Thursday evening, 7.00 p.m. The guiding thought of the occasion will be, 'Let us do something for our community.'

There are planned portions of the program, and there are many opportunities for pleasant and unexpected events. Almost five hundred men and women in one hall—no more can be accommodated—with a unity of purpose and vision of the future will create the atmosphere for a dramatic experience that will undoubtedly live forever in the annals of Ottawa Jewry. The voices of these many will harmonize into the prophecy of a post-war structure to serve the extensive needs of a living, progressive, dynamic community. "The boys will come back to something."

As we go to press, the details of the program are being put into final shape. They will be deliberately left open, for the main speeches are expected from the floor—or in writing. The people will make the gathering successful, and the advancing armies of the victorious United Nations will enable the project to be carried through to its rich consummation. It is our job. It shall be finished!

the Jews of Ottawa in their needs as Jews. For many years, we regarded those needs as primarily worship and religious devotion. Today, our Jewish needs have expanded to include not only the functions we are already fulfilling but those of a more adequate educational and cultural life, organized recreational and social activity, more integrated communal enterprise. And because our facilities can no longer serve the additional functions we must assume, it is but natural that the synagogues, as the traditional centres of Jewish life, should take the lead in making those facilities possible.

That is why the community-centre-synagogue project is receiving and will continue to receive all-out support from the members of Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

LEON PETEGORSKY,
President Cong. Adath Jeshurun.

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The Jewish people of the City of Ottawa are embarking on a great adventure, the erection of a Synagogue and Community Centre. We are all partners in this great enterprise and the fullest co-operation from every individual is necessary, if we are to succeed.

This project, although yet in a nebulous stage, will upon completion be an ideal realized. It will bring our people together in a spiritual atmosphere and

provide for the Jews of Ottawa intellectual and social activities. In a word it will be the centre of Jewish life.

The campaign for funds is being launched amid the terrible tempest of war, in the full tide of the greatest massacre of our people in human history. To some it might be anomalous to think of a centre at this time, but in every country post-war programs are being formulated, ready to go into action when peace is declared. Individual organizations will be great factors in revising and maintaining a better way of life—of rejuvenating remnants that will open new chapters in the annals of the human spirit. This is our opportunity for service, our opportunity to build for the future a centre, which will be the pride of our community. We must ensure the success of this great enterprise. We must not shirk the responsibilities that belong to every one of us. Let us, therefore, work together, give of our best, and resolve to apply our maximum efforts.

MICHAEL GREENBERG,
President, Cong. Agudath Achim.

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Our congregation welcomes the news about the great program to be undertaken by Ottawa Jewry. It is gratifying to know that in the near future we shall

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Kingston Rabbi Coming Here

Rabbi Zacharia Gelman, the spiritual leader of the Jewish Community in Kingston, Ontario, and the Director of the Hillel Foundation at Queen's University, will be the guest speaker at the Oneg Shabbat to be held on Friday, December 3rd, 8.30 p.m. in the Congregation Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Avenue.

Zemiroth will be led by Cantor J. Rabin.

Come and listen to the man who has earned the respect and admiration of our Jewish Youth at Queen's—a Director about whom Dr. Abraham Sachar, the head of all the Hillel Foundations, has said, "Give us more men like Gelman in the Hillel Movement."

Oneg Shabbat

Throughout December the Oneg Shabbat will be held every Friday, 8.30 p.m. in the Cong. Adath Jeshurun, with Rabbi O. Z. Fasman in the pulpit. Cantor J. Rabin leads the Zemiroth. Subject to change, if the invitation extended to several out-of-town rabbis is accepted, the sermon topics will be:

Dec. 3, Rabbi Z. Gelman.
Dec. 10, Rachel's Tomb.
Dec. 17, Brothers in What?
Dec. 24, The Steady Flame.
Dec. 31, Year In, Year Out.

TO THE OTTAWA VAAD HA'IR AND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

The forthcoming campaign in connection with the new Synagogue and Community Center which is about to get under way is deserving of the whole hearted support and entire cooperation of every Jewish man, woman and child in our city. This project when effected will supply a much felt need and will be a great source of pride to us all.

We, in the ever-growing West End of Ottawa, fully realize and appreciate the problems which face us in the community at large, and will do all in our power to assist and facilitate this excellent cause.

I wish to assure the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa and the Campaign Committee, of the complete cooperation and sincere best wishes of the Agudath Israel Congregation towards a successful conclusion to this very worthy project.

MORRIS GOLDBERG.

President, Agudath Israel Congregation.

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Wartime Prices and Trade Board Exemption Certificate No. 66, dated Feb. 9, 1943.

ON OUR WAY

We are on our way in Ottawa to build an institution we need. The need has been felt for a long time, but never before did circumstances seem auspicious enough to fill it. The necessary conditions prevail today, and the leaders of Ottawa Jewry have decided to take advantage of them.

Enthusiasm for the new program has spread through the community with exciting rapidity. Everywhere you will hear discussions, debates, arguments, plans and suggestions—all revolving around the new synagogue and community center that is to be constructed in Ottawa within the next few years. (By that time, we trust, war restrictions will be a thing of the past.) It is delightful to see how many architects have arisen in our ranks, how many artists in construction are circulating throughout the various groups of which our community can boast.

Business men are studying their ability to contribute in a light that excludes the ordinary approach to the usual campaign as completely as a 300-watt incandescent lamp outshines a burning match. This is big business, and every man who has ever counted out bills for deposit knows it. The question before the individual contributor is clearly, "How much does this vast program mean to me?" It is understood, of course, that the answer to a question of that character will not be given by an unselfish man in terms of only his personal satisfaction, for he will also take into account what is to be accomplished for other men, women and children, in whose lives the project may mean even more than in his own. It is undeniable, however, that hardly a person will be in a position to claim that he can derive absolutely nothing from what we believe we shall have before the job is ended.

The young people in Ottawa have been especially uplifted. For the most part unable to give large sums for any cause that seems worthy to them, they have been waiting for the more substantial citizens, in the sense generally used, to take notice of the problems and the difficulties facing our youth. The majority of our boys and girls have regretted a situation that invariably leads them away from a Jewish environment for their principal social, athletic and cultural activities. It is untrue to accuse our children of a preference for non-Jewish surroundings. The difficulty in the past has been that Jewish surroundings have been synonymous with inadequate facilities, unevenly heated halls, an auditorium built in 1867—with a plaque to remind one every time he visited it that such was the case—and a maze of complications to keep the sensibilities of two parallel congregations in delicate balance.

This last item has perhaps never been entirely comprehended by the members of our own community. Visitors to Ottawa, on the other hand, often wondered why we persisted in keeping two synagogues functioning within three blocks of each other when both of them conducted the same type of service, and the members of both of them had long ago learned to work harmoniously with each other in Hadasah, U.P.A., J. D. C., Talmud Torah and kindred undertakings. Our

children had to be initiated into mystery of loyalty to the one synagogue instead of the other, when their honest minds could not detect any genuine differences. In an age when we are trying to impress upon them the unity of our history and tradition, the brotherhood of Jews, regardless of whether they came from Kovno, Moscow, Johannesburg, Manchester, or New York City, we should try to obliterate from their impressions the imaginary distinctions between one synagogue and its neighbour. Incidentally, we are going to abolish the confusion that comes on Yom Kippur when the young man in the synagogue on the Street has to dash over to inquire of his mother-in-law in the synagogue on the Avenue about her condition during the fast, and when the young lady has to keep moving back and forth between the two congregations in order not to show favouritism between grandparents.

All these matters are tangential considerations that grow out of the new development in Ottawa. What we feel is the most pertinent fact of all is that many men and women are already at work. The job is being entered upon with energetic fervour, with keen relish, with tremendous good will. It is not the sort of program where we have to go begging for people to participate, for people are supporting it with all their heart. Will it be 1946 or 1947 or 1948? There is no certainty yet, but of one grand fact we are certain. We are on our way.

THE FORGOTTEN NIGHT

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It is time for a champion to arise in behalf of the forgotten night, as one has already arisen to take the part of the forgotten man. The forgotten night is Friday night.

Not infrequently Rabbis are told that young people do not come to the Synagogue because they do not understand the meaning of the Hebrew services. If, the argument runs, we knew what we are talking about, we would gladly attend the hour of worship. The religious leaders of American Judaism have given earnest consideration to this attitude, and they have therefore developed a supplementary service to the regular prayer meetings of the week in the form of the Oneg Shabbat on Friday night. At that time the prayers are read in English, and the theory is that those who have difficulty with the Hebrew Siddur will have an opportunity to express their religious aspirations.

What do we find? The experiment has never approached the realization of its hope. The Friday night assembly is a constant problem in every synagogue that has attempted it. Some congregations have been able to draw a large attendance at every gathering by a departure from the dignity of the pulpit, so that lecturers with oratorical ability and interesting topics, although their personal life may be hardly becoming for a religious platform, are invited Friday after Friday to attract listeners. Other Congregations have instituted a system that is an approximation of conscription, making it mandatory upon the membership to attend a certain percentage of the assemblies. Compulsion of this type is only successful where the recognized leaders of the congregation make it their special business to bring the membership against its own inclination. Few, indeed, are the synagogues that can claim a well-attended Oneg Shabbat every week as the result of an unquenchable spiritual longing that finds release in free and voluntary participation.

The answer, then, to those who defend their absence from the synagogue on grounds of failure to understand the language of the prayers is that Friday night, the evening set aside for English psalms and responsive readings, is still the forgotten night in American Jewish life. The conclusion to be drawn: there is more talk about a desire for, and a sense of, religious values than a reality. People will make a speech about the impossibility of a service whose language is obscure, but they will blithely ignore the existence of a service about which no such claim can be made. If there are in Ottawa, let us say, a hundred people who criticize the Sabbath morning period of worship for the incomprehensible pages that are read, why are they not in the pews on Friday night? And if the answer be that other interests take them elsewhere that evening, why do we not have an honest confession that the Synagogue has become a very minor interest in their experience? Once we have reached this result, we are driven to the feeling that no type of religious experiment will succeed in raising the spiritual climate of a community. Social and intellectual stratagems there may be, to be sure, but religious inspiration—where is it to be found?



ALEX BETCHERMAN,



SIMON J. RITT,



MORRIS ZAGERMAN,

Joint Chairmen, Community Centre Synagogue Committee.

THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMEN SAY -

We are about to embark upon a campaign for a Jewish Community Centre and Synagogue. It is a history-making event in the life of the Ottawa Jewish Community for a place that has long been found wanting in our communal life, where Jewish needs and dignity will be served simultaneously.

The Centre from which our spiritual, educational, social and athletic activities will emanate, this project is of vital importance to every man, woman and child in our community.

Show your concrete evidence of interest in this great undertaking through your contributions and co-operation. We strive for a meeting place for all, young and old, where the true Jewish spirit will prevail.

GREETINGS

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have the facilities for wider activities in Jewish life. Because a large percentage of our Machzikei Hadath families have children in the Talmud Torah, we especially rejoice in the prospect of modern classrooms and pleasant surroundings for our young scholars.

The community can rest assured of our full co-operation. May the war end swiftly, may our sons return to us healthy and victorious, and may we succeed in a world of peace in completing our Community Centre as a dream come true.

M. Steinberg, President,
Cong. Machzikei Hadath.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Bnai Jacob Congregation, we wish to extend our sincere good wishes for the success of the project now being undertaken. We are happy to note that the Jewish Community Centre is at last to become a reality. Our Organization will make every effort to give this project our utmost moral and financial support.

A. Bookman, President,
Bnai Jacob Congregation.

SONS OF JACOB CONG. ELECTS.

The Sons of Jacob Congregation, James St., elected the following officers:

Pres. A. Bookman.
Vice Pres. J. Gladstone.
Treasurer, B. Benevoy.
Fin. Secretary, B. Dworkin.
Secretary, Sam. Ellis.

Trustees, J. Bookman, D. Ginsberg, M. Flesher, A. Fonberg, D. Friendly, F. Flesher.

Y.P.L. HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEETING FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF SERVICE PERSONNEL

On Tuesday Evening, Nov. 9th, Y.P.L. held a very successful meeting at the Talmud Torah Hall. In accordance with its new policy of entertaining Service men and women stationed in the area at all their meetings this season, Y.P.L. played host to more than 60 Service personnel, who entered into the proceedings with gusto and contributed in no small measure to the success of the occasion.

The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes and was followed by Rabbi Fasman's instructive discussion of current events. After Jack Stoller had reported on the state of the treasury, Dr. Dave Petergorsky made an impassioned appeal to the membership on behalf of the coming Community Centre drive.

Then came the feature of the evening, a Quiz competition between Service men and civilians of Y.P.L. The contest took the form of a Battle Quiz in which castals had to be replaced on both sides. The Service men and women managed to find more of the right answers to the tricky questions, and emerged the winners. Bert Katz who organized the contest also acted as master of ceremonies. Harold Shenkman was captain of the civilian team, while the Service men were led by L.A.C. Ben Otis. Mrs. Sylvia Haltrecht was scorekeeper, and President Phil Stuchen officiated as time-keeper.

Following the Quiz came dancing and refreshments dispensed under the con-
venorship of Mrs. Sophie Wolochow,

and served by her newly organized corps of Y.P.L. hostesses, headed by Mrs. Sue Sigler, and Mrs. Adeline Hyman.

The good time apparently enjoyed by the Service men and women and the success of the meeting generally, is very encouraging to Y.P.L. in its new policy of contributing to the entertainment of the Jewish boys and girls stationed in our midst. Through the medium of the Bulletin Y.P.L. would like to invite all young women who wish to act as hostesses to get in touch with Mrs. Wolochow, and also to invite all men and women in the armed forces to participate in the meetings, which throughout the coming season will always be followed by dancing and refreshments.

Remember, we meet every second and fourth Thursday evening of the month.

(Note: Other organizations are sponsoring the other Thursday evening of the month. Men and women on active service are welcome at the Talmud Torah Hall every Thursday. Dancing and refreshments are regular features.)

PREPARE FOR CHANUKAH

The first Chanukah candle should brighten your home this year on Tuesday night, December 21. The Chanukah Festival continues through Wednesday, December 28th. Here is a holiday that can bring a world of enthusiasm and healthy joy into the life of your children, while it has never failed as a wholesome spiritual tonic in the life of adults.

Plan now to have your Chanukah parties in a spirit worthy of the Maccabean heroes.

Overseas Honour Roll

Since the last issue of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, we have been advised of the following Ottawa men who have arrived on active service overseas:

Ages, PO M.
Appotov, Spr. D.
Bodnoff, Sgt. J.
Bilovitzky, St. S.
Cherun, Gnr. J.
Constant, Pte. R.
Davis, Pte. H.
Diek, Tpr. A.
Drazin, Pte. W.
Eline, Cpl. L.
Fonberg, Sgt. R.
Halpern, Wtr. A.
Goldwater, Pte. D.
Heaps, Lt. D.
Kapinsky, Pte. C.
Koffman, Pte. S.
Kuperman, P.O. A.
Lewis, LAC H.
Marcus, Sgt. N.
Saslove, PO E.
Schechter, Pte. J.
Maser, Pte. S.
Mirsky, Pte. L. N.
Mosion, Gnr. A.
Parnas, Gnr. V.
Pfeffer, Gnr. I.
Pleet, AC I.
Rubin, PO H.
Shainbaum, LAC S.
Silverman, Sgt. J.
Waserman, Spr. K.
Wolfe, Pte. H.

If you know of any others, kindly notify the Overseas Address Chairman, Mr. David Mirsky, at the Rideau Smoke Shop.)

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REORGANIZES

After a year of inactivity the B'nai Brith Women's Auxiliary was recently reorganized, with an ambitious program of war work as its major objective. The following officers will guide the destinies of the organization for the coming year:

President: Mrs. A. H. Lieff.
1st V. P. Mrs. J. J. Marks.
2nd V. P. Mrs. M. Rosman.
3rd V. P. Mrs. M. B. Abrams.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. Zagerman.

Corr. Secretary, Mrs. Harry Palef.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Dover.

B'NAI BRITH TREATS ARNPRIOR JEWISH AIRMEN.

On Thursday night, October 28th, H. Capt. Oscar Z. Fasman was in charge of the Jewish Church Parade at the R.C. A.F. Station in Arnprior. Two representative of the B'nai Brith War Services Committee, Magistrate A. H. Lieff and Mr. I. Stone, accompanied the Rabbi at that time, after arrangements had been made for them to visit the service. Sandwiches specially prepared by Mr. Stone were distributed among the men after Ma'ariv, and Pilot Officer S. J. Myers expressed the thanks of all for the treat that had been provided.

CANDLES FOR SHABBOS.

Dec. 3, 5.01 p.m.
Dec. 10, 5.00 p.m.
Dec. 17, 5.01 p.m.
Dec. 24, 5.04 p.m.
Dec. 31, 5.09 p.m.

Milestones On The Road

TO A COMMUNITY CENTRE

These milestones on the highway to the campaign for a Community Centre and Synagogue are found in the minutes of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir.

Dec. 23, 1942.—An executive meeting at the home of Mr. A. J. Freiman "... there was a very extensive discussion on the possibility of establishing a Jewish Community Centre in Ottawa, but, although various suggestions were offered, nothing in the way of any definite plan was submitted, and the matter was merely left in abeyance."

Jan. 28, 1943. A special meeting of the Vaad Ha'Ir at the Talmud Torah—"A matter which had been the subject of much discussion at previous meetings was then introduced by Mr. Alex. Betcherman, viz., the need of a Community Centre in Ottawa, to include the Synagogues and the Talmud Torah. After stressing the need of a Centre and expressing the belief that old and young would benefit by our having one here, Mr. Betcherman requested that the Chairman appoint a Committee to go into the whole question. This was put in the form of a motion by Mr. B. Goldfield, to the effect that the Committee should study every phase and angle of the matter and bring in a report... The motion carried unanimously after being seconded by Mr. S. J. Ritt and Mrs. B. M. Alexandor. The Chairman then appointed the following to act on the Committee:

Alex. Betcherman, Chairman.

M. K. Levinson, Secretary with the Presidents of all the Congregations and organizations as members of the Committee."

March 18, 1943. An executive meeting in the home of Mr. A. J. Freiman. "The Secretary then read a report, submitted by the Community Centre Committee... In the light of said report, it was resolved by the Executive to recommend to the Vaad that the necessary steps be taken just as soon as possible this year for a campaign to raise funds to be used for the construction of a Community Centre just as soon as practicable after the war is over."

April 18, 1943. A General Meeting in the Talmud Torah "there was another quite extensive discussion on the projected Community Centre, during which it was felt that the matter might be submitted in an appeal to the entire community some time following the conclusion of the U.P.A. and J.D.C. campaigns."

Sept. 21, 1943. The main feature of the meeting, the erection of our Community Centre, was next opened up by the Chairman, and the Secretary read again the previous Reports of the Community Centre Committee, dated March 4th and July 20th. As outlined by the Chairman, the matter had now reached the stage where it was essential and advisable to go ahead with a fund-raising campaign to be utilized in the erection of the Centre after the war. The plan suggested by the Chairman should be a 5-year one, and the campaign should begin this fall to raise pledges, payable 20% this year and the remaining 80% in four subsequent years. There was

again some rather extensive discussion on the form or set-up which the proposed building should take, i.e., as to whether the Centre building should also combine with a new large Synagogue. Following the discussion, it was moved by Mr. B. Goldfield, K.C., seconded by Mrs. B. M. Alexandor, that the Vaad Ha'Ir goes on record as approving of the building of a Community Centre in Ottawa as soon after the war as is possible, said Centre to be comprised of the several features proposed in the first report of the Committee, viz., Synagogue, Talmud Torah, Recreational, Social and Athletic Centre; further, that an initial campaign be started during the next two months for the raising of the necessary fund, with the privilege given subscribers to allocate their contribution and divide it into such proportions as they wish, but not less than 1-5 of the total contribution to be payable each year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

The Chairman then appointed Messrs. Alex Betcherman, Morris Zagerman and Simon J. Ritt as joint Chairmen of the Community Centre Campaign Committee, and authorized them to set up their own Committee."

Impressive Remembrance Day Services

The Ottawa Lodge of B'nai Brith sponsored an impressive Remembrance Day service at the Congregation Adath Jeshurun on November 11th. At that time the Honour Roll of Ottawa men and women on active service was re-dedicated to include the names of those who had enlisted since the previous service on Armistice Day 1942. The new Honour Roll carries 442 names.

To a large and attentive Congregation greetings were extended by Jewish representatives from the three major services; Lieut. A. Logette represented the Navy, Major H. Harris spoke for the Army, and Wing Commander I. Cornblat brought a message from the Air Force. All three speakers quoted facts to indicate that Jews were taking their full share in the war effort of our Dominion.

A ring was presented on behalf of the B'nai Brith Lodge to Flying Officer Cyril Toronto for his distinction in being the first Jew in Canada to win the Air Force Cross for valiant service in flying operations.

The service included a brief presidential message delivered by Magistrate A. Lieff, President of the Ottawa B'nai Brith Lodge, and a memorial service for Ottawa men who have fallen in the line of duty, conducted by Rabbi O. Z. Fasman assisted by Cantor A. Weiss.

OTTAWAN ON YESHIVAH FACULTY

Rabbi David Roodman, the son of Mr. Moses Roodman of Ottawa, who recently received his ordination at the Ner Israel Seminary in Baltimore, has been appointed to the faculty of the Beth Yehudah Yeshivah in Detroit, Mich. The Yeshivah is headed by Dr. S. R. Weiss, the son of Cantor A. Weiss of the Agudath Achim Synagogue.

Mr. M. Roodman has another son in the Rabbinate, Rabbi Solomon Roodman, at Elmira, N.Y.

F.O. Abelson Killed On Active Service



The Ottawa Jewish Community was shocked to learn that Flying Officer Lawrence B. (Duke) Abelson was killed on active service when the Mosquito Bomber in which he was an observer crashed after operations over enemy-held territory. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Abelson.

One of the most popular boys of the younger set in Ottawa, Duke enlisted in the Air Force immediately after his 18th birthday, and having distinguished himself at the training centres in Canada, he went over to England in October of last year.

The funeral services were held in England on Friday November 19th, attended by the one member of the family overseas, Flight Lieut. Sydney Abelson. In Ottawa a service was held at the same time as the service in England at the Congregation Adath Jeshurun.

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the stricken family.

The Community Centre Executive

Having been officially designated the chairmen of the most important project in the history of Ottawa Jewry, the Community Centre and Synagogue Campaign, Messrs. A. Betcherman, S. Ritt and M. Zagerman adopted an original method to choose an executive committee. Instead of exercising privately the authority invested in them, they called together a representative group of Jewish leaders for a frank discussion of what the project can and should mean to the community, and then asked a Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of officers for the approval of the entire body. In proper form the meeting suggested a group of men for the executive committee, who were then officially selected by the three chairmen to their respective offices.

The executive committee thus in charge of this major assignment is the following:

Honorary Chairman, A. J. Freiman.
Honorary Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. A. H. Coplan, J. Freedman.

Honorary Treasurers, Michael Freedman, J. H. Vinberg.

Co-Chairmen, Alex Betcherman, Simon J. Ritt, Morris Zagerman.

Vice-Chairmen, Solomon Zelikovitz, Sam. Caplan, Thom. Sachs, L. S. Greenberg, Louis Baker, M. Loeb.

Co-Treasurers, Leon Petegorsky, Abe Shaffer.

Secretary, Martin K. Levinson, C.A.
Assistant Secretary, Samuel A. Kronick.

Captain of Captains, Samuel Lepofsky, chairman. M. B. Abrams, S. Greenberg, J. Schmelzer, M. Shaffer, S. Spevak.

Special names, Myer Betcherman, chairman, J. Abelson, M. Glatt, H. Gould.

Building Committee, Harold Coplan, chairman, H. Berlin, D. Epstein, C. Kert, S. Miller, D. Mirsky, H. Shenkman, I. Sugarman.

Finance Committee, Isidore Stone, chairman, A. D. Betcherman, B. Palef, D. Zelikovitz.

Publicity Committee, Lawrence Freiman, chairman, G. Caplan, S. Max.

Legal and Speakers Committee, B. Goldfield, K.C., Chairman, M. Greenberg, J. C. Horwitz, S. Lepofsky, A. H. Lieff, T. P. Metrick, J. Mirsky, H. Sigler.

Young People's Committee, Dr. David W. Petergorsky, Chairman, Myer N. Drizin, Vice Chairman, H. Bessin, M. Bubbis, A. Cohen, J. Feller, L. H. Goldman, Y. Greenberg, N. Kapinsky, B. L. Katz, H. Koffman, J. Leikin, E. Marks, L. Marks, D. Mirsky, H. Pearl, S. Roodman, P. Stuchen, D. Wolochow.

Good and Welfare Committee, Rabbi O. Z. Fasman, Hon. Chairman, Michael Greenberg, Chairman, A. Bookman, M. Goldberg, L. Petegorsky, M. Steinberg.

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